

TO: All Concerned Persons

3. The department is not adopting the above-stated rule pertaining to dog training. During the first comment period, the department received over 100 written comments both in support of and in opposition to the language that was initially proposed. The Environmental Quality Council (EQC) also objected to the proposed rule. The department amended the proposed rule in an attempt to address issues raised during public comment and by the EQC, and put the amended proposal back out for public comment, including public hearings. The EQC again objected to the amended proposal. The department agreed to not adopt the rule, and instead work with the EQC on addressing concerns with the language currently in statute during the 2019 legislative session. The EQC asked the department to continue with public comment and the hearings to begin to collect public input on future legislation. All comments from both public comment periods and the public hearings will be sent to the EQC, and the department will continue to work with the EQC on future legislation pertaining to dog training.

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